

REMARKS

Rejection of claims 1-34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Chan. Claims 1, 7, 16, 19, 20 and 28 have been amended herein to distinguish over Chan. As a result, these claims are allowable over Chan.


Claim 12 was not amended herein, because claim 12 as originally filed distinguishes over Chan. In the claim rejections, the Examiner never addresses the first computer system, the second computer system, the first processing environment, and the second processing environment in claim 12. As a result, the Examiner has failed to establish a prima facie case of anticipation for claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a). Chan does not teach first and second computer systems and first and second processing environments recited in claim 12. As a result, claim 12 is allowable over Chan, and applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a).

The remaining claims all depend upon an independent claim that is allowable for the reasons given above. As a result, the remaining claims are allowable as depending on an allowable independent claim.

CONCLUSION

In summary, Chan does not teach, support, or suggest the unique combination of features in applicants' claims presently on file. Therefore, applicants respectfully assert that all of applicants' claims are allowable. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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